

3/16/10

HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:24

With time and tempers short, everyone's playing hardball in the drive to pass -- or stop -- President Barack Obama's massive health care legislation by the weekend. Business groups are spending \$1 million a day to depict the bill as a job killer in television ads in the home districts of 26 wavering House Democrats. A new ad barrage from supporters of the legislation went up Tuesday in 11 districts, some overlapping. And unions are threatening some of those lawmakers to come through for Obama -- or pay the price in the fall elections. Obama has summoned members to the White House one by one for private, face-to-face persuasion, and also met larger groups. Diverse administration resources are being employed: Even the Navy secretary is in the game.

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:00

The importance of a college education is also accentuated because of the opportunity to gain valuable resources during your tenure. The more connections which are collected during your college career, the more options you will have when you begin your job search. Once you have ended your job search and have started your career, however, the importance of a college education has not been exhausted. Having a college degree often provides for greater promotion opportunity. So, why should you go to college? The reasoning does not begin and end with the job aspect. A good education is beneficial from many different viewpoints, and while the importance of a college education is quite evident for many high school students, what is often not as clear is how they will pay for that education.

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3/17/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer declined to say Wednesday if Democrats have enough votes to pass historic health care legislation, but hinted that they're poised to use an arcane parliamentary process to get it done. Hoyer's Republican counterpart, Rep. Eric Cantor, acknowledged that such a process is permissible under House rules. Under the procedure, a Senate-passed health bill would be "deemed" to have passed if House members voted in favor of a rule governing a separate bill with amendments to it. Cantor, R-Va., said he couldn't understand why Democrats would use such a parliamentary detour with a bill of this magnitude and reach.

MARCH IN WASHINGTON, DC

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:08

Organizers of the national immigration march on Sunday he expects more than 20 thousand people in Washington DC, which will be moved at least 700 buses. The costs of mobilization of this magnitude could exceed a million and half dollars, just in transportation. Therefore, according to Martine Apodaca, Immigration Reform in America, coordinators of the march, pro-immigrant organizations involved are conducting various activities to alleviate costs. Some associations have also chosen to subsidize the costs for participants and others are asking everyone to pay their bus fare. New York wants to carry 10 thousand people in 200 buses. The plan of the Immigration Coalition New York, who is coordinating the immigrant and religious groups in the state, is to travel the day.

CENSUS IMMIGRATION

VO :20 / SOT:16 / VO :12

Undocumented immigrants are getting conflicting advice from church leaders on whether to fill out U.S. Census forms. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders has urged them to boycott the census until comprehensive immigration reform is passed. But the Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, says that would reinforce the perception that immigrants don't want to become Americans. Clergy advocating a boycott don't trust government assurances that census information won't be used to prosecute undocumented immigrants, but Rodriguez and other church leaders insist there's nothing to fear.

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3/18/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:16

President Barack Obama scuttled an Asian trip in favor of last-minute lobbying at the White House on his signature issue, paying host to a procession of wavering Democrats seeking favors. The health care portions of the bill would affect nearly every American and remake one-sixth of the national economy. Beginning in 2014, most Americans would be required for the first time to purchase insurance, and face penalties if they refused. Millions of families with incomes up to \$88,000 a year would receive government help to defray their costs. Large businesses would face fines if they did not offer good-quality coverage to their workers.

IMMIGRANT MARCH

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:43

Tens of thousands of immigrants are making their way across the country to the nation's capital to rally Sunday on immigration reform. Organizers hope to see as many as 100,000 people. Mostly Hispanic, they include day laborers walking from Hempstead, N.Y., and Californians who sold tamales and fruit to pay for their trip. At least 700 buses are expected from 28 states. They will likely have to share attention on the same day as a possible vote in Congress on health care reform. That's one of the issues that has sidelined President Obama's campaign promise of reform and possible legalization for the estimated 12 million people in the U.S. illegally.

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3/19/10

IMMIGRATION BILL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:35

Sens. Charles E. Schumer and Lindsey O. Graham announced the building blocks Thursday for a new push in Congress to overhaul the nation's immigration laws, outlining a plan to require U.S. citizens and legal immigrants to obtain a new high-tech Social Security card tied to their fingerprints or other biometric identifiers and to create a system to bring in temporary workers as the U.S. economy demands. The immigration "blueprint," outlined in an opinion column posted on The Washington Post's Web site, drew an immediate vow of support from President Obama, who urged Congress "to act at the earliest possible opportunity."

IMMIGRATION MARCH PREPS

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

Tens of thousands of people will gather this Sunday, March 21st in Washington, DC to attend the March for America. The purpose of this massive march is to pressure the government of Barack Obama and Congress to advance a bill to reform immigration laws. Five hundred people traveling from California to the capital of the nation including two or three hundred people from Los Angeles. A farewell ceremony at the airport in Los Angeles will start for many a weekend of civic activity and national mobilization.

HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:11

Slowly but steadily, support is building behind President Barack Obama's health care legislation in the House, the result of intense lobbying and politically targeted changes aimed at reassuring waverers and winning over critics. The President will talk up the sweeping overhaul in Virginia today, his fourth outside-the-Beltway event in two weeks as he scrambles to rally public support behind the bill, ahead of a possible House vote this weekend. As Democrats become more confident about the upcoming House vote on health care, President Barack Obama will again be talking up the overhaul plan today in Virginia. On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, congressional leaders are focusing on rank-and-file democrats who remain undecided.

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03/20/10

6:30 PM / 11:30 PM

HEALTHCARE LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:16

The House Rules Committee is meeting to set the terms for debating and voting on the health care overhaul bill. Meanwhile, as leaders continue to round up votes, a top House

Democrat says party leaders are likely to move ahead without the support of Democrats who want to toughen the bill's restrictions on taxpayer funding of abortions. That word comes from Rep. Henry Waxman, who helped write the 10-year, \$940 billion bill. This afternoon, President Barack Obama heads to Capitol Hill to meet with rank and file House Democrats ahead of tomorrow's scheduled vote.

SOLIS AND VISAS "U"

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:10

Labor department says will begin to investigate the case may be about to apply to "U" visas to help the victims that could benefit creation of visa or ten years ago. "U" visas to help the victims that could benefit or ten years ago as part of victims protection law, violence and traffic department to work but now that meet enhanced. Acusasion an employer shall not be enough, but, you will need evidence of recent a criminal act that the labor department investigate.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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Capping a long day and a consuming political journey, President Barack Obama celebrated the passage of health care legislation on Sunday with hugs, high fives and an emboldened attitude. At nearly midnight in Washington, with a big swath of country asleep or headed that way, Obama strode into the ornate East Room with Vice President Joe Biden backing him. There was no hour too late for the president to embrace this moment. Obama was proud but not unrestrained in victory, mindful that the Senate still has not gotten to a companion bill to fix problems with the one that just passed. The sense in the West Wing was one of perseverance after a debate with so many turns and doubts.

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3/22/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:40

A transformative health care bill is headed to President Barack Obama for his signature as Congress takes the final steps in Democrats' improbable and history-making push for near-universal medical coverage. On the cusp of succeeding where numerous past congresses and administrations have failed, jubilant House Democrats voted 219-212 late Sunday to send legislation to Obama that would extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans, reduce deficits and ban insurance company practices such as denying coverage to people with pre-existing medical conditions. Obama will travel outside Washington on Thursday as he now turns to seeing a companion bill through the Senate and selling the health care overhaul's benefits on behalf of House lawmakers who cast risky votes. It is most likely that he will sign the bill on Tuesday, but the plans

are not yet final, said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss as-yet unannounced strategy. Obama's young presidency received a much needed boost from passage of the legislation, which would touch the lives of nearly every American.

HEALTHCARE REFORM BENEFITS
LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CA
PKG 1:58

No more worrying about lifetime limits on health coverage, about whether your insurer will dump you when you get sick, or about whether your adult child will be booted off your plan when he turns 18. Kids will be able to stay on their parents' plans until they're 26 if they want and new insurance policies will have to cover certain preventive-care measures with no out-of-pocket cost to the consumer. These are some of the changes that will kick in this year as part of the landmark health-overhaul legislation the U.S. Congress passed on Sunday. Insurers also will be barred from denying coverage based on people's pre-existing health conditions for the first time, but children receive this benefit before adults. The ban on excluding kids because of illness takes effect six months after passage, but the full adult measure doesn't kick in until 2014. In the meantime, adults with pre-existing conditions who've been uninsured for at least six months can enroll in a temporary high-risk pool and receive subsidized premiums, starting three months after the bill's passage.

IMMIGRATION REFORM
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ-WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:37

Frustrated with the lack of action to overhaul the country's immigration system, tens of thousands of demonstrators rallied on the National Mall and marched through the streets of the capital Sunday, waving American flags and holding homemade signs in English and Spanish. Supporters traveled from around the country in hopes the rally would re-energize Congress to take up the volatile issue. Some lawmakers oppose any attempt to help an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants become U.S. citizens while others insist on stronger border controls first. President Barack Obama, who promised to make overhauling the immigration system a top priority in his first year, sought to reassure those at the rally with a video message presented on giant screens at the National Mall. The president said he was committed to working with Congress this year on a comprehensive bill to fix a broken immigration system. Obama said problems include families being torn apart, employers gaming the system and police officers struggling to keep communities safe.

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3/23/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:15

President Barack Obama has signed the \$938 billion health care overhaul that guarantees coverage for 32 million uninsured Americans and represents the biggest accomplishment of his presidency. The new law will be the main issue in this fall's midterm elections. Obama signed the bill at an elaborate ceremony Tuesday in the East

Room of the White House, to be followed by an even larger celebration at an Interior Department auditorium.

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3/24/10

**HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:29**

While the White House celebrated the signing of the landmark health care reform bill, Republicans continued their efforts to thwart it. Today, Republican senators will continue to try and raise challenges to a House bill that seeks to "fix" elements of the bill President Obama signed into law. And more than a dozen states filed suit seeking to block implementation of the new law, though many legal experts believe there is little chance they will succeed since federal laws generally supersede state laws. The Department of Justice added that it would "vigorously defend the constitutionality of the health care reform statute.

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3/25/10

**HEALTHCARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:33**

The reactions to the violence against some democrats for voting for the bill. The bill containing fixes to the new health care law has hit some snags in the Senate, House Democratic leaders say they are ready to finish work on the bill as soon as they get it back. The changes approved by the Senate include an expansion of subsidies to make insurance more affordable and more state aid for the Medicaid program for the poor.

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03/26/2010

**CENSUS 2010
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:53**

most undergrads weren't even teens last time around. But for a variety of reasons, college students present a challenge to the Census Bureau. For one thing, the timing is terrible. Many students take off for spring break in March, just as the Census campaign gears up. By the time enumerators follow up with non-responders in May, some students may be gone for the summer. For another, the purpose is to count people based on where they live April 1, and for most traditional undergraduates, that will be a campus address. But some students, and parents, assume they are supposed to be counted in their hometowns. And some international students may mistakenly think they aren't supposed to complete the form at all.

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3/27/10

6:30 & 11:30 SHOWS

OBAMA STUDENTS LOAN

VO :20

President Barack Obama is hailing a student loan bill he's about to sign as the gateway to returning college graduation rates back to the top worldwide, and save money doing it. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama says the result of the measure will be more student lending, caps on repayments and more money for minority colleges and universities. Obama is expected to sign the education bill into law Tuesday. Democrats in the House succeeded in linking the education bill with the health care overhaul over stiff Republican objections. It gives Obama a series of accomplishments -- including an agreement with Russia on nuclear weapons-- after a rough and divisive several months.

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3/28/10

6:30 & 11:30 SHOWS

HEALTHCARE REFORM AND IMMIGRANTS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:00

While Congress voted to overhaul U.S. health care and provide universal coverage, 15 percent of America's uninsured population remains uncovered and unaddressed: illegal immigrants. Democrats are expected to introduce comprehensive immigration reform legislation this spring, and when they do, health care costs will once again be front and center. Under the new law just passed, illegal immigrants are not entitled to health care. That means undocumented workers will continue to get care the way they always have, showing up at county clinics and hospitals for emergency treatment. According to cost estimates submitted by various states, that costs taxpayers and ratepayers about \$4.3 billion a year.

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3/29/10

IMMIGRATION REFORM

LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CA

PKG 1:58

Immigration reform appears to have gained momentum, if only marginally. Last week Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, was implicitly threatening to sink immigration reform if health care passed. Today on "Meet the Press" he was already sounding more conciliatory. In an appearance with Democrat Charles Schumer, Graham. He called it a "tough heavy lift" and that the Democrats' deal-cutting on health care wouldn't help with the process of hammering out consensus on an immigration bill. Sen. Graham also made the point that Democrats had played a major role in immigration

reform being put on the back burner. the White House "has done almost nothing on immigration," he said. And Graham noted that the last time it came up in the U.S. Senate 16 Democrats voted against immigration reform. The South Carolinian quipped that if President Obama invited moderate Democrats to the White House for a meeting on immigration most of them would "jump out the window." In other words, Sen. Graham and perhaps another GOP cross-over vote don't necessarily make immigration reform a done deal.

CENSUS 2010

JAIME GARCIA-LOS ANGELES, CA

PKG 2:00

Groups pushing for robust Hispanic participation in the 2010 census announced a new campaign Thursday that aims to reach the hard-to-count demographic through its smart-phone-toting youngsters. The "Be Counted, Represent" campaign offers music downloads and a chance at concert tickets to cell phone users who share their e-mail addresses and phone numbers with organizers and forward information about the census to their friends. Principle organizers Voto Latino and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund stress in their messages that undercounted areas risk losing funding for transit, infrastructure and other needs, as well as political representation. They hope those messages promoting participation in the count will zip throughout the social networks of youngsters who can persuade their parents to fill out and return their census forms.

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3/31/10

CENSUS 2010

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

The latest government census form is fairly straightforward, but question No. 9 has proved troubling for some Hispanics. The question asks to which race residents of a home belong. The choices offered are White, Black, American Indian, Alaska native, various Asian descents, Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders and "some other race. The census does count Hispanics. That happens in Question 8, which asks if a resident is "of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin." Federal officials consider being Hispanic an ethnicity rather than a race.

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